



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 274**

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House Bill No. 5686

*House of Representatives, March 28, 2000*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. DAVIS of the 50<sup>th</sup> Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***An Act Concerning Membership On Community Action Boards.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-886 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) Each community action agency shall administer its program  
4 through a community action board which shall consist of not more  
5 than fifty-one and not less than fifteen members and shall be so  
6 constituted that:

7 (1) One-third of the members of the board are elected public officials  
8 currently holding office, or their designees, except that if the number  
9 of elected officials reasonably available and willing to serve is less than  
10 one-third of the membership of the board, membership on the board of  
11 appointive public officials may be counted in meeting such one-third  
12 requirement;

13       (2) At least one-third of the members of the board are persons  
14 chosen in accordance with democratic selection procedures adequate  
15 to assure that they are representative of the poor in the area served;  
16 and

17       (3) The remainder of the members of the board are officials or  
18 members of business, industry, labor, religious, welfare, education or  
19 other major groups and interests in the community.

20       (b) Each member of the board selected to represent a specific  
21 geographic area within a community shall reside in the area he  
22 represents. [No person selected under subdivision (2) or (3) of  
23 subsection (a) as a member of the board shall serve on such board for  
24 more than five consecutive years, or more than a total of ten years.]

25       Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

**GAE   Committee Vote:**   Yea   22   Nay   0   JF   C/R   PD

**PD     Committee Vote:**   Yea   16   Nay   0   JF

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Affected Agencies:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP ON COMMUNITY ACTION BOARDS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill removes the term limits set for the members of community action agency boards who represent the poor in the neighborhood and business, labor, and community groups. Current law limits the two-thirds of the members who are not elected public officials to no more than five consecutive years or a total of 10 years. One-third of the members must be representatives of the poor in the area served and one-third must be officials or members of business, industry, labor, religious, welfare, education, or other major groups and interests in the community.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2000

**BACKGROUND*****Community Action Agency Boards***

Community action agencies receive federal Community Services Block Grant and other federal funds that are administered by a tripartite board. The Communities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services Act of 1998 deletes the reference in the federal law to board members' term limits (P.L. 105-285, 42 USC 9910).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 22      Nay 0

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 16      Nay 0